GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TRAFFICKING OF WOMEN AND GIRLS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of cross border trafficking of women and girls came to the notice of the Government during each of the last three years, till date; and

(b) the action taken to stop the cross border trafficking of women and girls?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT)

(a) & (b): Under the seventh schedule to the Constitution of India, the `Police` and `Public Order` are State subjects and as such, it is the responsibility of the State Governments to take deterrent action against persons found guilty of trafficking of women and girls. No segregated figures of cases of cross border trafficking of women and girls are maintained by the Government of India.

However, the Union Government has been, from time to time, issuing advisories to all the State Governments and UT Administrations, requesting them to give more focused attention to the prevention of trafficking in women and girls. The Ministry of Home Affairs had also constituted a Working Group of Directors General of Police of some of the affected States to study issues relating to cross border trafficking in women and children and make suitable recommendations for dealing with the problem. These recommendations have been forwarded to the State Governments for evolving a comprehensive strategy for effectively dealing with the problem of trafficking. Border guarding forces have also been directed to exercise vigilance against cross border trafficking.